

SUMMARY.

A Paris communique states that the Allies have progressed along the Ypres canal and west of Holbeke.

General counter attacks by the enemy were repulsed.

The Germans have evacuated the west bank of the Ypres canal.

A weakening of the German cannonade and heavy attacks in noticeable in Flanders.

The enemy has abandoned many trenches and extensive rebuilding is apparent behind the enemy's lines.

There is reported to be an important counter-attack of German troops near Courtrai.

This is interpreted as the abandonment of an advance on Calais in favour of an attempt to break the Allied line further inland.

The German Governor of Belgium has summoned the provincial councils to pay the war tax of £14,000,000.

Italy's Agency states that after a desperate battle the Serbians re-entered Belgrade.

The Russians continue to drive back the retreating Germans in the Mlava district, near Belgrade.

Due to the massing of Austrian forces, the Serbians are reported to be compelled to retreat to the eastward.

Two Austrian torpedo boats struck mines in Pola and were sunk, the crews being drowned.

The Turks have been repulsed by the Russians with heavy losses in Asia Minor.

Various versions are given of the German Emperor's recent mysterious interview with the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria.

All the stories agree in showing that there was discussion between the two monarchs.

It is reported that the German Emperor declared his intention to make concessions to Austria in order to prevent Russia's intervention.

The detail by the "Kölnische Zeitung" of the German Emperor's declaration of the German Emperor's intention to make concessions to Austria in order to prevent Russia's intervention.

A telegram from Munich states that it has been decided to operate on the German Emperor's health in the Alps.

The "Times" publishes a telegram from its Constantinople correspondent on the effect of the news of the German Emperor's illness on the Turkish situation.

It is stated that the exploit has done much to strengthen confidence among the Indians in British military triumph.

A British submarine entered the Dardanelles and sank the Turkish battleship "Hamid-i Sami" on December 10th.

The German cruiser Dresden is reported to have arrived at Punta Arenas safely and undamaged.

The neutrality of the Panama Canal zone is being asserted by the United States.

It is reported that Canada may have to borrow \$100,000,000 yearly while the war lasts.

The city of Petrograd is without water owing to the failure of the conduits for the first time since 1907.

A great cold wave is extending over Northern Canada and the middle and west of the United States.

It is claimed that influenza is spreading in the American States, and several deaths from cold are reported.

A Government proclamation was issued yesterday by the name of Lord Curzon, to the effect that the bill to appropriate the proceeds of the war tax should be passed through all its stages.

The second reading of the War Penalties Bill was passed.

The measure provides penalties for the desertion of soldiers who meet their death at the front.

The Executive Council has appointed a board to carry out the provisions of the War Penalties Bill.

It is most likely that Southern Riverina will be the first area to be affected by the war.

There are 100,000 men in the Australian army.

The Government has decided to alter the terms of the peace of the streets, which had been made.

The Women's Liberal League has decided to do its utmost to help the Government in the war.

The judges and members of the Bar in South Australia are presenting a motor ambulance to the British forces.

A fire broke out in the guard's van of the Melbourne to Adelaide train.

The train was unscathed, and killed the guard.

A deputation of musicians waited on the Minister for Defence, and asked for a reduction of the duty on drums.

It was declared that the increased duty would mean much unemployment among the numbers of the units.

The river steamer "Wandering Jew" has been detained by the hearing of the application of the Federal Government for the cancellation of the steamer's license.

The evidence was closed, and arguments of counsel were heard.

The case was adjourned.

It was reported that the Government will now appear probable that in New Zealand the Government of the Opposition will be of great strength.

It is understood that the Government will be in the House of Representatives.

The Italian ship "Cattaro," which recently left Newcastle for South America, returned to port yesterday.

A heavy cyclone a week after leaving Newcastle was badly deflected.

The price of beer was yesterday fixed by the Government at 3d per pint.

Handful rains have fallen in Riverina and the south-western slopes.

In Melbourne yesterday 10,000 shares were sold by the stock exchange.

The total proceeds were £26,375, or an average of 2s 6d per share.

A very strong demand prevailed for all the stock at the best of late rates.

The market was again buoyed up by the news that the Government had decided to raise £10,000,000 on the basis of a 4% loan.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 545 tons of wheat and 17 tons of flour were manifested.

A fair volume of business was transacted on the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday at all prices.

The Mining market was firm, but the bush-bush market was a limited scale. The stock market was not much affected.

A busy trade was done in all reasonable lines of groceries, the Christmas business being at its height.

Wool sales were slow, and the oil market was quiet.

The market was glutted with cheese and butter, and was accumulating. Butter sold at 1s 10d per cwt.

The market was exceptionally firm.

Forward-sellers to the north-eastern and south-eastern corners; otherwise fine and generally with south-westerly winds.

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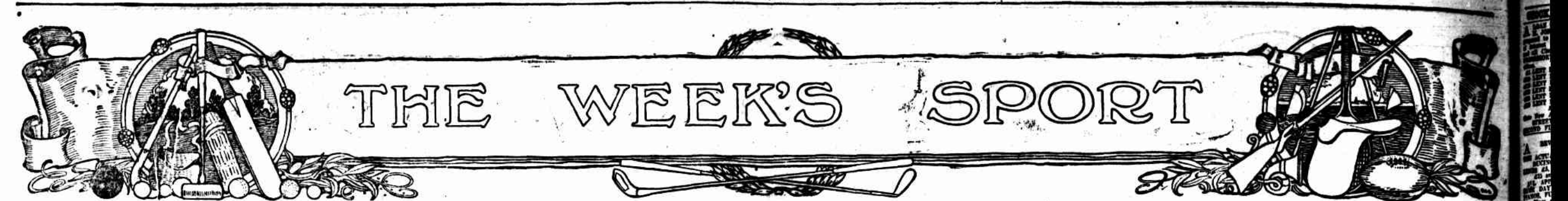












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Large fields are assured, and the numerous entries will necessitate several races being run in divisions. Special terms will be offered on the bill of fare.

The ordinary traffic to Ascot will also be available. The first race is timed to start at 2 p.m., and the results may be expected to be in by 3 p.m.

The first race is a 1000m race, and the second is a 1200m race. The third is a 1400m race, and the fourth is a 1600m race.

The fifth is a 1800m race, and the sixth is a 2000m race. The seventh is a 2200m race, and the eighth is a 2400m race.

The ninth is a 2600m race, and the tenth is a 2800m race. The eleventh is a 3000m race, and the twelfth is a 3200m race.

The thirteenth is a 3400m race, and the fourteenth is a 3600m race. The fifteenth is a 3800m race, and the sixteenth is a 4000m race.

The seventeenth is a 4200m race, and the eighteenth is a 4400m race. The nineteenth is a 4600m race, and the twentieth is a 4800m race.

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## GOLF.

MANLY SUMMER MEETING.

KILLARA FOURSOMES.

On Saturday there was a consensus of opinion that golf is a winter game, and with the thermometer well over the century mark, such opinion was well founded.

The Manly open meeting was continued with the summer cup and handicap.

The entry was not so large as in former years, but many players failed to put in an appearance, with the weather as the excuse.

The winner of the scratch event proved to be L. O. Forster, who, though occasionally a fault, played on the whole, consistently.

A seven at the second was by no means good, and a six at the fourth did not help.

There were no more mistakes going out, and he reached the hole in 41.

Coming home he was very steady, and though each of the short holes cost him four, he was back in 39, a total of 80.

Though not exceptional, this must be regarded as a good performance in view of the intense heat. His card read:

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**NEWNES IN NEW HAND.**

**A GREAT ENTERPRISE.**

Newnes, after nearly three years of practical desertion, is soon to be a force of industry again. Mr. John Pell, an engineer with the experience of a lifetime in handling whale and its products, has taken the whole business of the Commonwealth Oil Company over on certain conditions; and what has so long been in the receiver's hands will now bend to his will and respond to his initiative. Having heard of the preparations being made to this end, a representative of the "Herald" went to see for himself the "Wagon Valley" and the enormous plant erected with British capital; and Mr. W. H. Fletcher, the local receiver, kindly took him all over the works. This was an undertaking which assumed the best part of three days. The assumption being was that a proper survey of the astonishing plant of operations, which

on and a quarter sterling, would

This only has regard to what the Commonwealth Oil Council attempted to carry out and not to the original design. There are coal as well as mines to be inspected, with new developments indicated for the coming year. The new prior contemplates a treatment of the for the production of benzene, kerosene, lubricating oils, and much besides, to serve the whole of the Commonwealth.

What was the cause of failure in the first instance? The question is a pertinent one, since a satisfactory reply will do much to help in gauging Mr. Wolgan's chances of success. Perhaps the best way to reach the heart of any inquiry is to go to the fountain-head at office of the Commonwealth Oil Company at Newnham. Over the door of the neck of a broken champagne bottle, and up as a trophy, and inside in a piece of shah is a card which reads: "This is a sample of the first attp placed in the Wolgan retorts. Under the broken plug of the champagne bottle is printed inside the effect the first attp placed in the retorts June 12, 1911." Looking up a little closer, one can see under this record of an interesting discovery a note of the same kind in which is effected that the working of the attp was partially suspended on February 20, 1911.

that final suspension took place on

of 1913. Now, what happened between the first two dates to cause the shutting down of one of the greatest and most important industrial enterprises in Australia? It was only a matter of eight months, and in the time involved, the business of upward of 800 men, the shutting down of scores of small businesses, the emptying of many schools all over the place, and the settling into silence of a beautiful valley which had contained the assurance the people had for a growing township. On the strength of their prospects churches have been built, and remains like other buildings, as monuments to the faith of the people.

The Public school is still going on, with 40 or 50 pupils and a teacher in charge; and one public-house maintains its place in the town, and is still patronized with new zest, and apparently still regarded as to the future. Some twenty men are

ation of the receiver in charge of the

of the Commonwealth Oil Company; and there is still oil in some of the numerous grays which have been left in the ground. The high-burners are made of brick, and are in the shape of a large, heavy-duty, high-burner, in a great wall of brickwork, with three tall chimney stacks holding guard over everything. There is steam and the noise of a pump, a small water pump and just a few rays of the mouth of the coal mine, a winding path may be seen in operation. But Newry is day is to all intents and purposes dead, and the only thing that is left is the old mine in two new locations, recently erected by Mr. John Fell at the end of the back connection. There lies the answer in the connection with the old mine, and the old mine of old-roads—44 in all—represented the application of a vast piece of engineering with filled with shale from the beds which surround the mine, and the old mine is now an oil well sufficient for the needs of Australia.

and yet in eight months they had to  
own. The oil had ceased to flow.

the shale itself was found to contain from 120 to 150 gallons to the ton. Certainly the shale was not at fault. It is true, that the general impression was that the shale was worth more money to spend, and one building of retorts was erected instead of six. His idea had been, when modification of the plans became necessary to remain within the budget, that he would have been all he could achieve. Yet the shale extends from the Wagon Valley to Capetown, and the shale was expected to bring the extra rich Capetown shale to Wagon shows on the plan an almost equal distance through the shale to the station. Round the valley the distance is 15 miles. There is plenty of shale, and the shale is the worst shale in the world. On the word of experts, and is not a figure of speech. Now, the English shale has been a success. John Fells to it, at present making his start. But the shale is not so good as the shale of the shale, and less than 30 gal-

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bench of 64 retorts will be converted to the new system, and Newnes will live again.

Australian problem is thoroughly  
Australian methods many additional hands will  
be taken on, until eight hundred or a thousand  
breadwinners will find profitable employment  
after so many months of silence and  
desertion in the Wolgan Valley.



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The American Consul, Mr. Latham, in a report from Punta Arenas (on the strait of Magellan), says that the German cruiser Dresden, which escaped from the British squadron during the recent action off the Falkland Islands, has arrived there safely, uninjured.

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When last seen the battleship was sinking by the stern.

The submarine returned safely, although pursued by gunfire and by destroyers. On one occasion she was submerged for nine hours.

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A communique states:—Fighting occurred all day on Friday at Prymuk, Znam, and Donkai.

The enemy were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses, and pursued beyond the Euphrates.

## TURKISH TROOPS MUTINY.

PARIS, Dec. 14. A message from Athens reports a fresh mutiny of Turkish troops at Adriaupole, and another at Selimie, near Beirut.

## KHEDIVE'S POSITION.

LONDON, Dec. 15. Lord Cromer, in a letter, says:—"If, as it appears, the Khedive has unwisely thrown in his lot with the Germans, his defection is of no great political importance, as his personal influence in Egypt is slight. He must cease to be a ruler, and Egypt, as a result of the war, must wholly and irrevocably be relieved from the pernicious normalism of Turkish sovereignty."

## BULGARIA AND ROUMANIA.

SOPIA, Dec. 15. General von der Goltz, when interviewed, declared that Bulgaria would continue her neutrality, and, with Rumania, would receive a permanent extension of territory at the end of the war.

## AUSTRIAN NAVAL LOSS.

## TORPEDO BOATS SUNK.

ROME, Dec. 14. Two Austrian torpedo boats were sunk at Pola, and were sunk, all on board being drowned.

## GERMAN PLANS.

## SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, Dec. 15. The Amsterdam correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" states that there is an important concentration of German troops in the West, which is interpreted to mean that the recent plans for an advance on Dunkirk have been abandoned in favour of an attempt to break the Allies' lines further inland.

The German wounded at Bruges have been hurriedly transferred to the interior of Belgium.

The German authorities at Thiel announce that anybody carrying firearms in the Netherlands after the 15th will be punished.

The whole of the public and historical buildings in Ghent have been mined.

## ENEMY ABANDONS TRENCHES.

The correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" at Dunkirk states that a weakening of the German command and infantry demonstrations is noticeable in Flanders. The enemy has abandoned many trenches, and a constant re-entraining is apparent behind the enemy's lines.

Some of the native troops from the Belgian Congo co-operated in the repulse of the German attack on the Yser.

## GERMAN GRAIN SHIPS.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15. The authorities at Hansweerd have detained 15 grain-laden vessels, which were sent by the Germans from Antwerp.

It is believed that the Germans were responsible for their safety in Antwerp, but prefer to have the vessels interned in Holland.

## AIRMAN INTERNED.

A steamer picked up two British airmen in the North Sea. They were conveyed to Flanders, and as the accident was due to engine breakdown, they were not injured.

On the other hand another British airman who descended at Trenchen through engine trouble, was interned, as he had a bomb in his possession.

A Zeppelin, while journeying from Nieuport in the direction of Dunkirk, was forced to return owing to heavy fire from the Allies.

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## SITUATION IN POLAND.

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The situation along the Vistula is unchanged.

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**WAR QUESTIONS.**

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The Assistant Minister said that he was not an authori-

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ALFRED F. PAINE, Chaplain.  
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**ALLEGED MANSLAUGHTER.**

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**KILLED IN ACTION.**

SUVA (Fiji), Dec. 2.

Report. The was known in Suva, and who was formerly A.D.C. to the Governor. He was killed in the battle of the Marne while leading a mes.

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